3.2 - Sales Tax

The Task Force recommends that the General Assembly eensider and introduce a statutory referendum consistent with TABOR, asking the voters to amend Title 39 of the Colorado Revised Statutes to provide for a new Article entitled "Marijuana Products Sales Tax." The General Assembly should set a cap for the sales tax at 15% and permit the legislature to set and adjust the tax at any rate below the cap. This referendum should be submitted make use of expertise and research available at the Office of State Planning and Budgeting, the Colorado Department of Revenue, the Colorado Legislative Council, and possibly a private firm with specific expertise in economic and/or dynamic modeling, to develop a reasonable sales tax rate and a robust new sales tax structure for marijuana products, to submit to Colorado voters for their consideration in the November 2013 state-wide election and to be effective on January 1, 2014 if approved by the voters.